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TO: LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREAS
CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIALS
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WDB STAFF

SUBJECT: LWIA ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL—
NOVEMBER 17, 2000

The minutes and revised agenda from the Local Workforce Investment Area (LWIA) Advisory Committee conference call on Friday, November 17, 2000, are attached for your review and information. Please ensure that the minutes are provided to the appropriate staff.

If you have any questions regarding the LWIA Advisory Committee conference call, please contact Sherry Leahy, Analyst, at (916) 653-6657 or Jim Scholl, Manager, Internal Technical Support Unit, at (916) 657-4610.

/S/ BILL BURKE
Chief

Attachments

LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL

Friday, November 17, 2000

Agenda

10:00 a.m.	Welcome/Agenda Building/Hot Topics	Bill Burke, Workforce Investment Division (WID)
10:30 a.m.	Special Projects Update	Jim Curtis, Program Development & Management Division (PDMD)
10:45 a.m.	Eligible Training Provider List and Internet Application Update	Liz Clingman, WID
11:00 a.m.	Rapid Response	Bob Hermsmeier, WID
11:30 a.m.	January 5 Quarterly Meeting Update	Bill Burke, WID Bill Swearingen, PDMD
12:00 p.m.	Adjourn	

**LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA (LWIA)
ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL
NOVEMBER 17, 2000**

Welcome/Agenda Building/Hot Topics—Bill Burke, Workforce Investment Division (WID)

- Governor Gray Davis has appointed Mr. Samuel Rodriguez as the new Chief Deputy Director of the Employment Development Department (EDD). He has served as the Assistant Director of Communications and Science Education for the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Science.
- Workforce Investment Act (WIA) 15 Percent Call Letter—The State received 291 requests for funding. Each proposal will be evaluated by at least three readers. These proposals will be forwarded to the State Board staff who in turn will make recommendations to the Operations Committee and Economic Analysis, Planning, and Systems Development Committee. Plans call for these recommendations to be discussed at the Executive Committee meeting on December 1, 2000, with the final decision being made at the December 14, full State Board meeting. In response to a question, Bill Burke indicated that he would determine if the listing of the proposals could be released to the LWIAs. If the LWIAs want to comment on the proposals, they may send their input to the State Board staff.
- Caregivers Training Initiative—Staff have completed the review of the 24 proposals and will forward the recommendations to the California Health and Human Services Agency (Agency) for final decision. This process does not include the State Board because this funding was set aside in the Governor's State Budget. In response to a question, Bill Burke indicated that he would determine if the listing of the proposals could be released to the LWIAs.
- State Approved Local Training (SALT)—The WID is creating a process for LWIAs to request SALT funds. The total budgeted amount is approximately the same as last year and is only for LWIAs. An Advisory member recommended that the process include a standard amount allocated for each LWIA. Additionally, LWIAs could request more funding based on their local needs.

Special Projects Update—Jim Curtis, Program Development Management Division (PDMD)

The Faith-Based Initiative has \$5 million of general fund money. The EDD staff has completed the review of the 231 proposals and will forward the recommendations to Agency and the Governor's Office. Successful entities can receive up to \$500,000 each (Tier 1) if they have received federal funds in the past. If the entity has not received previous federal funding but has Internal Revenue Service 501.C3 designation, then successful entities can receive up to \$200,000 each (Tier 2). We anticipate that the Governor will announce the successful entities in December with the contracts in place by January 2001. In order to help coordination at the local level, Jim Curtis indicated that he would determine if we can release the listing of the proposals to the LWIAs.

Eligible Training Provider List and Internet Application (ETPL)–
Liz Clingman, WID

- The State had the option of either developing a State Internet application or using the existing I-TRAIN Internet application at no cost. The State is in the process of negotiating a non-financial memorandum of understanding with the South Bay LWIA to use the I-TRAIN Internet application on an interim basis.
- The WID will be reconvening the Subsequent Eligibility Workgroup in early January. This workgroup will be discussing ways to eliminate/reduce the Community Colleges data requirements under the ETPL. Liz Clingman indicated that DOL might allow educational entities, such as the Community Colleges to use aggregate performance data, which were prepared under other federal programs. This may also apply to Adult Educational Schools. A desired outcome of this workgroup will be to reduce the data requirements to the lowest possible level within the WIA requirements. An information bulletin will be written describing this new option. Additionally, the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges will be contacted to endorse this new approach on a statewide basis.
- The State has no plans to do on-site monitoring of the ETPL vendors for compliance with the American Disabilities Act requirements. The State will provide the data for the Base Wage File performance of the ETPL vendor. The LWIA is responsible for the Seed data. The State will clarify the new information on the supplemental data.

Rapid Response–Bob Hermsmeier, WID

Based on the comments of the draft directive, *WIADD-7, Applications for Rapid Response Funding*, the State will make several changes/clarifications to the directive. The major ones are as follows:

- Delete the cost by activity information requirements.
- Change the due date to either December 19, 2000 for those entities who need the funds sooner or January 8, 2001 for those who would prefer more time to complete the application.
- Contract modifications will be accomplished on the December 19 applicants by early January and the January 8 applicants by early February.
- Reporting requirements language will be changed to indicate the requirements as those that are indicated in the WIA reporting directives and manuals, nothing extra.
- The Regional Application concept is purely at the option of the local area.

- The Rapid Response Allowed Items as appropriate, will be attested to by the LWIA as necessary and applicable to the local area. A small amount of narrative will be needed.
- The word “evaluation” will be removed from the reporting section.
- The coordination with EDD requirements can be attested to by including a statement in the request that the LWIB is working with the local EDD Office.

January 5 Quarterly Meeting Update—Bill Burke, WID and Bill Swearingen, PDMD

The January 5, 2000 meeting will be held at the Downtown San Francisco Marriott's which is located at 55 Fourth Street, San Francisco. Their phone number is (415) 442-6136. A separate information bulletin will be issued for this meeting. In accordance with the agreements at the Asilomar Quarterly, we have scheduled the Management Information System Users Group meeting to be at this facility on January 4 with some technical training on January 5. The California Workforce Association meeting will also be held at this facility on January 4.